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A PERSONAL NOTE:

If anyone wants information in HA, please e-mail me the exact wording if you can. I can then paste it right in the newsletter. Of course I will accept information in regular mail from everyone else. I am now on Facebook. The Friends of Old-time Radio Convention is also on Facebook and is run by Sean Dougherty.

The 2010 FOURTH REVISED ULTIMATE HISTORY: Just off the press. Much new information; Cost is \$57 for new buyers. If you bought any of the books before, the cost is \$47. Just a reminder that this book was originally written in 1992 and is the first and original book listing Network radio programming and the shows that are in circulation.

CONVENTION 2011: This is our 36th convention and final convention, Dates are Oct 20 – 23, 2011 at the Ramada Plaza, Newark, NJ. Our web site will keep you up to date. Note web site: <<http://www.fotr.net>>

CONVENTION 2010: 2010 Convention booklets are available for \$2.50 including P&H. There are guests bios and pictures. Pens are also available for \$1.25

All of the sessions were video recorded by Satellite Media Production. You may order them as a complete set or by individual sessions. Please contact Fred Berney at Satellite Media Productions, P.O. Box 638, Walkersville, MD 21793-0638. Phone 800-747-0856. E-mail: fsberney@verizon.net.

Five years ago, Ellen and Fred Berney prepared 2 DVD's of the past 30 conventions. Cost is \$20 plus \$5.00 P&H. Send to Satellite Media Productions.

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED: A complete list of publications mentioned with addresses, contact people, etc. is one of the introductory pages in my current Ultimate History. It is also part of a small package mailed with your first Hello Again. If you don't have one, e-mail me for it and I will e-mail it to you. If you don't have e-mail, please send me a SASE for it; -**Nostalgia Digest**, summer; articles about Janet Waldo; The Bickersons; actors who played Johnny Dollar; Ted Husing and Paul Whiteman; -**The Illustrated Press**, June; articles about Agnes Moorehead; Gene Krupa; Have Gun Will Travel (Radio); -**Old Radio Times**, May - June; articles about Duffy's Tavern and The Texas Rangers band; -**Radio Recall**, June; articles about DeMarco sisters; Jack Johnstone; Dark Fantasy, Part 3; -**RCA Newsletter**, May; article about Nick Carter; -June; article about Vincent Price as The Saint; -**RLL On the Air**; summer; article about Duffy's Tavern; -**Old Time Radio digest**, summer; articles about The Falcon; Popular sponsor promotions; books by John Rayburn

BOOKS: (Most books can also be purchased at <www.lofcom.com/nostalgia/books/>, <Amazon.com> or <Barnesandnoble.com>). **Greenwood Publishing Group** (Box 5007, Westport, CT 06881) has published many bio-bibliographies in the performing arts. James Robert Parish is the series editor. Over 80 have been published. For a list or to order call 1-800-225-5800 or 1-203-226-3571; -Many books are from **McFarland**; 1-800-253-2187; Web (www.mcfarlandpub.com) and **Bear Manor Media**, Box 1129, Duncan, OK 73534; 580-252-3547 <Bearmanormedia.com> <benohmart@gmail.com> **Book Hunter Press**, Box 193, Yorktown Hts., NY 10598 (www.bookhunterpress.com/radio); -**Martin Grams (OTR Publishing)**, Box 52, Whiteford, MD. 21160; (443) 286-6821 <www.martingrams.com>

I received "**The Whistler: Stepping into the Shadows** by Dan Van Neste. Cost is \$24.95 from Bear Manor Media, 421 pages. Most of the book describes the 8 movies with much behind the scenes information and many pictures. with one chapter talking about the radio program. Robert

Dix, son of the star, Richard Dix, writes the forward.

Legendary film director Robert Wise called the **Whistler** features, "examples of budget film making at its very best." Noted B movie historian Don Miller cited them as, "the best B pics of the period from Columbia." Famed film critic/historian Leonard Maltin referred to the series as "one of the most unusual- and one of the best mystery series of the 30's and 40's. . ." Based on J. Donald Wilson's hit radio suspense program featuring ironic tales of terror spun by a mysterious host, The Whistler film series consisted of eight motion pictures produced by Columbia Pictures between 1944 and 1948 starring legendary, Academy Award-nominated actor, Richard Dix. Although manufactured quickly and cheaply to fill the bottom half of a mandatory double bill, The Whistler films were suspenseful and well made, engendering wide popularity and surprising critical acclaim. Today historians and movie aficionados frequently cite them for their innovation and style-and as early examples of film noir. This is the story of the making of this landmark Columbia series, and the many extraordinary individuals who pooled their singular talents to make eight low budget movies into film classics. Included are rare profiles of 50 Whistler filmmakers: actors, directors, writers, and technicians.

From **St. Johann Press**, Box 241, Haworth, NJ 07641 (201) 387-1529
<www.stjohannpress.com>. Also from Amazon

Runner-up, Bridesmaids and Second Bananas by Bill Owen, paperback, 110 pages, \$15; Mr. Trivia on television; this book asks questions about the second biggest, second longest, second fastest, etc. Very difficult even for trivia buffs.

CONVENTIONS: (Let me know details of your upcoming convention)

6th Annual Mid-Atlantic Nostalgia Convention, Sep 21 – 24, 2011. Hunt Valley Marriott, Hunt Valley, MD; Old-Time Radio, movie and TV events and guests. Contact Martin or Michelle Grams, Jr at 443-286-6821, or <http://www.midatlanticnostalgiaconvention.com>

36th Friends of Old-time Radio Convention, Oct 20 – 23, 2011 (**Final convention**) at the **Ramada Plaza Conference Center (formerly Holiday Inn)**, Newark, NJ; For information contact Jay Hickerson, 27436 Desert Rose Ct, Leesburg, FL 34748 (352) 728-6731 <JayHick@aol.com> or check our web site: <http://www.fotr.net>

RADIO IS ALIVE AND WELL; I am listing those individuals who have an OLD-time radio program on the air or on the internet. If you aren't listed or you want to change the information, send me the exact wording. This list was in the last issue of Hello Again and is now a separate file. If you want it, please email me. I will send it as a PDF file.

THE INTERNET: Many of my subscribers are on the Internet. If you want to get on the mailing list for the Old Time Radio Digest (Round table) on the Internet, e-mail to this address: <old.time.radio-request@oldradio.net>; **Let me know if any are out of date.**

WEB SITES: Various OTR Web sites will be posted. Most begin with <www.> Let me know what yours is: **Lou Genco** (many collectors have their sites here including Vintage Broadcasts; Ted Davenport; Ed Carr; Fred Berney; Pat McCoy) <old-time.com> **Jim Widner** <otr.com> (**Radio Days**);-**Chuck Schaden** <nostalgia Digest> **BRC (Bob Burnham)** <brcradio.com> **Ted Kneebone** <geocities.com/tkneebone1> **Jerry Haendiges** <otrsite.com/radiolog/index.html> **Australian Film and Sound** <Screensound.gov.au> **OTR Digest** <www.lofcom.com/nostalgia/books/> **Jack Benny Fan Club** <Jackbenny.org> **Radio Broadcast Chronicles** <gna.net/tia> **Tom Heathwood** <HeritageRadio.com>. **First Generation Archives** <radioarchives.org> (Free subscription) <<http://www.radioarchives.org/newsletter.asp>> **Radio Enthusiasts of Puget Sound** <repsonline.org> **Terry Salomonson** <audio-classic.com> <digitalotr.com> The **OTR Club** now has a web page at <<http://www2.pcom.net/robmcd/otrbuffalo/>> **Doug Kosmonek** <<http://members.shaw.ca/douglasosmonek>> new e-mail is <douglasosmonek@shaw.ca> **Radio Spirits** <radiospirits.com> **The MWOTRC** web site is now operational and can be accessed either by www.mwotrc.com or www.readiorecall.com **Radio Memories (NEW)** www.radiomemories.com...**Ivan G. Shreve, Jr. (Thrilling Days of**

Yesteryear <<http://blogs.salon.com/0003139/>> **Bear Manor Media**, a publishing company (run by Ben Ohmart. Send for their catalog...They have published many OTR books in the last few years. <<http://www.bearmanormedia.com>> **RHAC** web site is <www.rhac.org> **Radio Days** is celebrating its 10th year on the web at <<http://www.otr.com>> **Ron Sayles (births, deaths)** <http://mywebpage.netscape.com/bogusotr/instant/taz.html>. (also) <http://otrbirths.blogspot.com/>; **Eddie Cantor** <eddiecantor.com>; **Old time Radio Researchers Group** <http://www.otrr.org>; -For free downloads of old time radio programs, check out the **OTRRLibrary** <http://www.otrrlibrary.org>; -For the most up-to-date information about old time radio series, and their stars, check out **OTRRPedia** located at <http://www.otrrpedia.org>; **Stu Weiss** <www.ramtownlive.com/popshoppe>. **Peter Tatchell** <laughterlog.com>

CATALOGS AND NEW SHOWS (All addresses first): **McCoy's Recording** (Pat McCoy), Box 1069, Richland, WA 99352 (509) 627-4039; <www.old-time.com/mccoy.html> **Jerry Haendiges**, 13808 Sunset Dr., Whittier, CA 90602 <JHaendiges@aol.com> **Radio Memories (Ted Davenport)**, Box 94548, North Little Rock, AR 72190 (888) 357-2346 <tedotr@sbcglobal.net> **Vintage Broadcasts** (Andy Blatt), Box 3257, Milford, CT 06460 (203-283-9770); <asajb2000@yahoo.com>; **Great American Radio (GAR)** (Gary Kramer), Box 401, Clio, MI 48420 <ga@radio.fm>; **Bequaert Old Books**, Box 775, Fitzwilliam, NH 03447 (603) 585-3448 <www.beqbooks.com>; send 2 34-cents stamps for a catalog of books and magazines on OTR **AVPRO** (Don Aston), Box 1392, Lake Elsinore, CA 92531 (1-888-3328776) **Redmond Nostalgia Co.** (David Kiner), Box 82, Redmond, WA 98073 **SPERDVAC Library** (Box 669, Manhattan Beach, CA 90266) **John Barber**, Box 72273., New Orleans, LA 70112 (504) 586-1931 <jbarber@gno.lib.la.us>. **Vintage Audio** (Tom Martin), 461 Maple Ave., Saratoga Springs, NY 12866 (518) 584-1112 <Thomasmartin245@aol.com> **Satellite Video Production (Fred Berney)** Box 638, Walkersville, MD 21793 (1-800-747-0856) <Berney@fred.net> **BRC Productions** (Bob Burnham), Box 158, Dearborn, MI 48127 <bob@brcbroadcast.com> <www.brcradio.com> **Hello Again Radio** (Bob Burchett), 10280 Gunpowder Rd., Florence, KY 41042 **Audio Classics Archive** (Terry Salomonson), Box 347, Howell, MI 48844; 1-877-653-8963 (for orders only) <audio-classic.com> **Lodestone** (Richard Fish), 611 Empire Mill Rd., Bloomington, IN 47401; 1-800-411-6463 <lodestone-media.com> (Deals in New Audio Theater **Ed Carr**, 216 Shaner St., Boyertown, PA 19512 <edcarr@enter.net> **Dan Riedstra**, 2830 North Rockwell St., Chicago, IL 60618 <daniel.riedstra@wcom.com>. **Max Schmid**, Box 3449, Astoria, NY 11103 <mschmid@rcn.com> <www.oldtimeradio.com> **Henry Hinkel**, 254 Florida Avenue, Amsterdam, NY 12010 <www.crabapplesound.com> **Danean MacAndrew**, P. O. Box 793, Lake Forest, CA, 92609 <www.theradiolady.com> **Heritage Radio Classics**; Tom Heathwood, Box 16, Boston, MA 02467 <www.heritageradio.com> Listen to the Heritage Radio Theatre every Sunday for one week streaming audio: <www.vintageRadioPlace.com/broadcast> **Stu Weiss** <www.ramtownlive.com/popshoppe> **BRC Productions**; Supplement 3; many shows including Fred Allen, Suspense, Quiet Please

IN FOND MEMORY: **Leonard Stern**, Jun 7, 88; writer (Comedy Writer's Show, Abbott and Costello); **Phyllis Avery**, May 19, 88; actress (Meet Mr. McNulty); **Giorgio Tozzi**, May 30, 88; singer (Metropolitan Opera); **James Arness**, Jun 3, 88; actor (Radio announcer in Minnesota); **Don Diamond**, Jun 19, 90; actor (many shows; Family Theater, Escape, March of Time); **Fred Steiner**, Jun 23, 88; composer, arranger (Col. Present Corwin, This is Your FBI); **Lee Vines**, Jul 9, 92; Announcer (Dr. Standish; Studio One); **Edith Fellows**, Jun 26, 88; actress (Lux Radio Theater); **Sherwood Schwartz**, Jul 12, 94; write (Bob Hope); **Googie Withers**, Jul 15, 94; British Actress (A Christmas Carol, 1949; British Production)

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Write if you get work; and hang by your thumbs

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36th

Let's Pretend this isn't the last
Friends of Old Time Radio
Convention and have a great
time Oct 20-23, 2011 at the
Ramada Plaza, Newark, NJ
(formerly Holiday Inn)

Guests

Special Convention Guests who have given definite or tentative acceptance of our invitations:

West Coast and Southern Guests

Tommy Cook – Red Ryder; Lux Radio Theater
Ivan Cury – Bobby Benson; Portia Faces Life
Kathy Garver – Whispering Streets; Heartbeat Theater (TV)
Family Affair
Bob Gibson – Page; then news correspondent for ABC Radio
Richard Herd – Theater 5; (TV) Seinfeld, T J Hooker
Gloria McMillan – Our Miss Brooks
Clive Rice – Bobby Benson
Stuffy Singer – Jack Benny, Hal Peary show

New East Coast Guests

Tom Bahler – (Singer, Composer, Arranger and Producer)
“Julie, Do Ya Love Me”
Rich Conaty – New York DJ, specializing in early music of the
1890's – 1930's
Mae Granito – Horn and Hardart; big band singer; last surviving
original Rockette

Comic Artists

Sal Amendola
Richard Ayers
Michael Kaluta
Dennis O'Neil

Returnees

Arthur Anderson – Let's Pretend, Mercury Theater
Cliff Carpenter – County Seat, Terry and the Pirates
Christina Britton Conroy – Daughter of Barbara Britton;
voiceover, radio and theater actress; music
psychotherapist, author
Larry Conroy – Count of Monte Cristo; Voiceover Coach
Paul Evans – (Singer, composer) “Seven Little Girls Sitting in
the Back Seat”
Joe Franklin – Joe Franklin Show in New York
Michael C. Gwynne – Actor in movies, TV and radio since 1960
Russell Horton – Many CBS Radio Mystery Theater
Pat Hosley – A Brighter Day
Will Hutchins – (TV) Blondie; Sugarfoot
Elaine Hyman – The Lone Ranger
Simon Jones – British Actor (TV) Hitchhiker's Guide to the
Galaxy
George Lefferts – Writer (X – 1)
Peg Lynch – Ethel and Albert
Corinne Orr – Theater Five; (TV) Voices for Speed Racer;
Trixie and Spritle
Betsy Palmer – CBSRMT; (TV) I've Got a Secret
Bobby Ramsen – Let's Pretend; Dick Tracy (Comedian)

Rosemary Rice – Archie Andrews; Let's Pretend
Lynne Rogers – The Guiding Light
Jean Rouverol – One Man's Family
Kevin Scullin – TV, voiceover artist
leslie Shreve – Actress, activist, television, movies, voiceovers
Jay Stern – director (Quicksilver Radio Theater)
Nan Warren – Let's Pretend, Eddie Cantor
Craig Wichman – founder of Quicksilver Radio Theater

Events

The following events are tentatively scheduled. Time will be
announced at convention. Any are subject to change

Thursday, Oct 20

Dealers Rooms: 9 am – 5:30 pm; panels start at 9:00 am
The Funniest Radio Bloopers -and Out takes - Gregg Oppenheimer
Gary Yoggy will present the "real lowdown" on WALTER WINCHELL:
Newscaster or Gossip Monger?"
Authors Panel with Arthur Anderson, Jim Manago; others; Hosted by Mel
Simons
OTR Historians Panel with Derek Tague, presenting OTR & Vitaphone.
Michael Biel - Ed Wynn's Amalgamated Broadcasting System
One on One with Ben Ohmart (tentative) with Arthur Anderson

Those Were the Days Radio Players present Easy Aces “Jane Serves on a
Jury” starring Michael C Gwynne and the “Those Were the Days”
players directed by Randy Larson
Jay Stern with Craig Wichman presents: Escape “King of the Beasts” -
original script by Michael Murphy; with Christina Britton Conroy,
Larry Conroy, Michael Gwynne, Bobb Lynes, Kevin Scullin, and
Craig Wichman.
Jay Stern with Craig Wichman presents: Theater 5 “The Widow”; with
Michael Gwynne, Will Hutchins, Elaine Hyman, Bobb Lynes,
Corinne Orr, Barbara Watkins, and Craig Wichman. (Special thanks
to Bill Nadel.)

Friday (Daytime) (Oct 21)

Dealers Rooms: 9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
The Big Broadcast with Rich Conaty and Bob Madison
Best of the West (Jack French)
Anthony Tollin reminisces with Video Clips of past guests
Martin Grams, Jr; Researching the History of Cavalcade of America
“Funnies Friday: OTR and the Comics” (9th annual “Funny Friday” Comedy
panel), hosted by Maggie Thompson and James Gauthier, with Sal
Amendola, Michael Kaluta, Dick Ayers, Dennis O'Neil, comic
artists
(Recreation) THE DAVE WARREN PLAYERS with episodes of 2 of the
first shows ever performed by the group: I Love a Mystery and Tom
Mix

Friday Night

Cocktails and dinner: 5:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Re-creation of Gunsmoke "Bloody Hands" by John Meston; starring Michael C gwynne as Matt Dillon; with Will Hutchins, Elaine Hyman, Tommy Cook, Dave Parker, Richard Herd, Ivan Cury, Clive Rice and Kathy Garver

Any Bonds Today" episode "Radio Goes To War" written and directed by Edgar Farr Russell, III and starring Arthur Anderson, Cliff Carpenter, Christina Britton Conroy, Larry Conroy, Bob Gibson, Russell Horton, Pat Hosley, Will Hutchins, Simon Jones, Randy Larson, Bobb Lynes, Lynne Rogers, Frazier N.S. Russell, Jean Rouverol, leslie Shreve, Barbara Watkins, Craig Wichman, Gary Yoggy, and Dave Zwengler.

Saturday (Daytime) Oct 22

Dealers Rooms: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Lone Ranger panel with Fran Foy and Wendy Foy Griffis, Dave Parker; hosted by Terry Salomonson

Children in Radio and Television; G Downes with Nan Warren, Arthur Anderson, Pat Hosley, Kathy Garver, Stuffy Singer, Gloria McMillan

The Gotham Radio Players present a recreation of a lost 1939 episode of LIGHTS OUT: "The Giggler". Produced by Max Schmid, directed by Steven M. Lewis.

A Visit with Peg Lynch; hosted by Mel Simons

The Joe Franklin Show with Mae Granito, Nan Warren, Diana Canova, Betsy Palmer

Singers, musicians and Big Bands, 15th annual (hosted by Stu Weiss and Brian Gari); guests include Tom Bahler, Paul Evans

(Re-creation) Let's Pretend "Jack and the Giant Killer"- directed by Arthur Anderson with Pat Hosley, Rosemary Rice, leslie Shreve, Tommy Cook, Nan Warren, Bobb Lynes, Katie Summers

Saturday Night

Cocktails and dinner: 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Awards, raffle, auction

(Re-creation) "My Favorite Husband" (with Diana Canova, Simon Jones, Richard Herd, Betsy Palmer, Dick Van Patten, Tommy Cook, Gloria McMillan, Michael C. Gwynne, Leslie Shreve, Elaine Hyman, Stuffy Singer and Ron Cocking) - directed by Gregg Oppenheimer

PHIL HARRIS/ALICE FAYE SHOW ("Phil is Appointed an Hon. Col. in the Confederate Army") starring Richard Herd and Rosemary Rice with Bobby Ramsen, Will Hutchins, Corinne Orr, Tommy Cook, Stuffy Singer, Gloria McMillan, Kathy Garver, Ivan Curry and Clive Rice directed by Gary Yoggy

Sunday Morning Oct 23

Breakfast from 7:00 am to 9:30; There will be a panel of guests (to be decided) from 9:30 to 11:00 am

Getting There

By Air: Fly to Newark Airport

Free shuttle bus from Newark Airport to the Ramada Plaza; follow the signs to ground transportation

By Bus: Bus service from Manhattan's Port Authority to Newark Airport: then take shuttle bus.

By Car: From NJ Turnpike, take Exit 14; take second right marked **Frontage Road** after toll booth. **DO NOT TAKE FIRST RIGHT** which is Rt. 1 & 9. Take second right directly under bridge marked **Frontage Road**. You must take one of the right - hand tolls and stay on the right.

From Garden State Parkway south of airport, take Exit 140 to Route 22E to Routes 1 & 9 North, local. Follow the sign marked

Frontage Road. Follow to hotel.

From Garden State Parkway North of airport: take Exit 142 to I-78 to Exit 58B (**Frontage Road**)

From Newark Airport, exit airport and follow route 1 & 9 North to **Frontage Road**.

Hotel Address (for MapQuest or GPS) is 160 Frontage Rd., Newark, NJ 07114 (973)-589-1000

By Train: Check your local train schedule

Cost

Reserve your spot as soon as possible. **Prepaid tickets are held at the door. Take advantage of our package specials described on attached sheet.**

Thursday, October 20; Daytime only (9 am - 5 pm); \$20 if paid in advance; \$25.00 at the door

Thursday, October 20; Daytime and evening including buffet dinner (9 am - closing) \$58.00; Discount of \$5.00 for those over 60 and under 16.

Friday, October 21: Daytime only (9 am - 5:30 pm) \$20.00 if paid in advance; \$25.00 at the door.

Friday, October 21: Daytime and evening including buffet dinner (9 a.m. - closing) \$70.00. Discount of \$5.00 for those over 60 and under 16.

Saturday, October 22: Daytime only (9 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.) \$20.00 if paid in advance; \$25.00 at the door.

Saturday, October 22: Daytime and evening including buffet dinner (9 a.m. - 10:30 p.m.) \$76.00. Discount of \$5.00 for those over 60 and under 16.

Sunday, October 23: Morning including buffet breakfast and panel, 7:00 to 11:00 am: \$25

Complimentary coffee, tea and muffins early Thursday, Friday and Saturday mornings; complimentary hors d'oeuvres Friday and Saturday evenings. Hors d'oeuvres for dinner guests only.

Dealer's Tables are \$65 for all tables; Details on special sheet.

Hotel: Rooms are **usually \$72 and up plus parking (\$15 a day)**, no matter how many in a room, no matter how many nights. All rooms can be reserved on the web site (see sheet): **OR USING THE 800 number (1-800 272-6232); Reservation should be placed by September 25th. Rooms are limited. There are other options described on update.**

Ads: Ads may be placed in our program book. **See attached**

Registration

Advance dinner reservations **must** be made. Reservations are limited (Friday 300; Saturday 400). Make checks out to FOTR or Jay Hickerson; send to Jay Hickerson to address below.

Mail to Jay Hickerson, 27436 Desert Rose Ct., Leesburg, FL 34748; 352-728-6731; E-mail (Jayhick@aol.com)

On the Web at: www.fotr.net

This will be our LAST CONVENTION

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Updated and Further Information

Registration

All meal reservations **MUST** be paid in advance. If you are coming for the day only, avoid the hassle of paying at the registration desk **and save money**. Preregistration for the day only is **\$20 if mailed in advance** and **\$25 if paid at the door** for each day. Remember, if you register at the door, you have to fill out a registration card. If you can't attend the dinner but wish to stay for the activities afterwards, the cost is **\$20** for each night.

The cocktail hour is for dinner guests only. If you come for the day only, but wish to stay for the cocktail hour and hors d'oeuvres, add \$10 to the cost.

PACKAGE PRICES: If you come for all 4 meals (Thursday through Sunday, cost is **\$209** (\$199 for seniors). If you come for Thursday through Saturday, cost is **\$189** (\$179 for seniors). If you come for Friday through Sunday, cost is **\$162** (\$152 for seniors). Make reservations, pay early and avoid lines at the registration table. Tickets are not sent when you register. They are held at the door. If you want confirmation that money has been received, **please send a SASE or e-mail address. It would be easier to send me your e-mail address anyway. I can send you updated information easier.**

Rooms and Parking

Dates are Oct 20 – 23, 2011 at the Ramada Plaza (formerly Holiday Inn; same hotel) Newark, NJ. Go online to <www.Ramada.com> to get best rates. You will find 2 hotels in Newark with same address. They are the same. Just book the one with the lowest rate. The Ramada 800 number 800-272-6232. The number of the hotel is 973-589-1000. Cost of the rooms vary **plus daily parking fee of \$15**, regardless of the number of days or number of people in the room. I went on line now (7/14) at <www.Ramada.com> and the AAA rate was \$75.00. **A deposit might be required (by credit card)**. The price will vary depending on when you reserve. The internet reservation might be less as I mentioned. If you must cancel, you must do it by 6 pm of the day you are arriving. Rooms should be reserved by **September 25th**. If you reserve them after that, you will be taking a chance on availability.

Cost for daytime guests is \$1.00 a car **UNLESS** at least one person in the group buys food in the restaurant or bar; then there is no charge.

If you wish to stay at the **Howard Johnson**, which is also renovated and a half mile from the Holiday Inn, cost per night should be less. Call the Howard Johnson at 973-344-1500. It is now under new ownership so you may need your own transportation between hotels.

If you wish to stay next door at the **Sheraton**, call 1-800-325-3535.

Also try the internet. Don't mention FOTR at first. Don't forget to try the Sheraton. Try to share rooms with someone. Mention AARP and/or AAA if appropriate. There may still be a parking fee if done this way.

Seating

Sit where you wish on Thursday and Sunday. On Friday and Saturday, tables will be numbered and **will** be assigned in advance. Tables sit 10 people. If you wish to reserve a full or partial table, please let me know in advance with whom you would like to sit. Make sure the people with whom you wish to sit are coming. A few people gave me a long list of people to choose from. I can't do this. **All those** who register at the door or who have no preference will sit where there is room. Table reservations **must** be made in advance. We expect a larger attendance than usual.

Ads

Ads may be placed in our program book (8 1/2 by 11). This is our 36th year and we will again have an expanded program book with guest biographies and articles. Cost for ads are:

Full Page – 8 1/2 by 11 **\$100** **Half Page** – 5 1/2 by 8 1/2 or 4 by 11
\$60 **Quarter Page** – 4 by 5 **\$40** **Two full Pages** – **\$160**

Dealers at our convention may take a 35% discount on the ad. Help support our 36th annual convention. Deadline for ads is October 1st.

Wednesday

To all Wednesday overnight guests and committee; Come and join us for wine, beer and cheese in the Dresden Room from about 6 pm to about 10 pm. There also will be soft drinks and vegetable & cheese platters. **Please let me know if you plan to attend.**

Dealers

Cost for dealers will still be \$65 a table. All details on a special sheet. Daytime registration fees for dealers will be eliminated. Dealers can arrive as early as 7 am Thursday morning to set up. Some dealers will be able to set up late Wednesday night. I will let you know as I get closer to the date.

Auctions:

There will be 3 auctions, Thu - Sat dinners; Most will be autographed scripts performed each night. There will also be some one of a kind items